

But as GOD's handmaid^ Nature, doth
create Bodies, in time distinct and
order due ; So GOD gives souls the
like successive date* Which Himself
makes in bodies iormed new*

Which Himself makes, of no
material things! For unto angels.
He no power hath given,
Either to form the shape, or stuff to
bring, From air, or Fire, or
substance of the heaven*

Nor He, in this, doth Nature's service use J
That the For though from bodies she can
bodies bring; traduced⁰ Yet could she never,
souls from souls traduce, pTM?nts^{he} As fire from
fire, or light from light doth spring f

Alas ! that some that were great lights of old,
And in their hands the Lamp of GOD did
bear! Some reverend Fathers did this
error hold, Having their eyes dimmed
with religious fear.

" For when," say they, ^{s*} by rule of faith we find,
That every soul unto her body knit, Brings
from the mother's womb, the Sin of Kind,
The root of all the ill She doth commit."

" How can we say, that GOD, the Soul doth
make, But we must make Him author of
her sin ! Then from man's soul, She doth
beginning take, Since in man's soul,
corruption did begin."

" For if GOD make her, first he makes her ill!
(Which GOD forbid! our thoughts should
yield unto) Or makes the body, her fair form
to spill! Which, of itself, it hath no power to
do,"

" Not Adam's Body, but his Soul did sin,
And so herself unto corruption brought!
But our poor Soul corrupted is within !
Ere She hath sinned, either in act or
thought";